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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63128

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Group Art Unit: 1771

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For: VFOAMED RUBBER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND COMPOSITE

COMPRISING THE FOAMED RUBBER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

11. (new) The composite according to claim 10 further comprising a metal salt of acrylic acid.